

The Attorney General of California has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure:

ESTABLISHES NEW “UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA ONLINE.” INITIATIVE

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. California’s public higher education systems—

University of California, California State University, and California Community Colleges—

currently offer courses in person and online. This measure would amend the California

Constitution to require creation of an online public university named “University of California

Online” with two divisions: one providing online courses for credit towards an academic degree,

open to anyone who pays tuition; and one providing free public access to all online courses not

for credit. Requires tuition for for-credit courses to be based on their cost, and additional fees for

most out-of-state students. Requires State Treasurer to issue bonds to fund University of

California Online, repaid from tuition. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director

of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: **Operating a new public online**

university could cost in the hundreds of millions of dollars to low billions of dollars

annually. All of the cost is to be covered through student tuition revenue generated by the

new university. The measure is not intended to have any direct fiscal impact on state or

local governments. (23-0034.)